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AN 2000472680 MEDLINE
DN 20418097 PubMed ID: 10846174
TI Disruption of the CED-9.CED-4 complex by EGL-1 is a critical step for programmed cell death in *Caenorhabditis elegans*.
AU del Peso L; Gonzalez V M; Inohara N; Ellis R E; Nunez G
CS Department of Pathology and Comprehensive Cancer Center and the The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109, USA.
NC CA-64556 (NCI)
SO JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, (2000 Sep 1) 275 (35) 27205-11.
Journal code: 2985121R. ISSN: 0021-9258.
CY United States
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
LA English
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EM 200010
ED Entered STN: 20001012
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Entered Medline: 20001003
AB In the nematode *Caenorhabditis elegans*, the apoptotic machinery is composed of four basic elements: the caspase CED-3, the Apaf-1 homologue CED-4, and the Bcl-2 family members CED-9 and EGL-1. The **ced-9**(n1950) gain-of-function **mutation** prevents most, if not all, somatic cell deaths in *C. elegans*. It encodes a CED-9 protein with a glycine-to-glutamate substitution at position 169, which is located within the highly conserved Bcl-2 homology 1 domain. We performed biochemical analyses with the CED-9G169E protein to gain insight into the mechanism of programmed cell death. We find that CED-9G169E retains the ability to bind both EGL-1 and CED-4, although its affinity for EGL-1 is reduced. In contrast to the behavior of wild-type CED-9, the interaction between CED-9G169E and CED-4 is not disrupted by expression of EGL-1. Furthermore, CED-4 and CED-9G169E co-localizes with EGL-1 to the mitochondria in mammalian cells, and expression of EGL-1 does not induce translocation of CED-4 to the cytosol. Finally, the ability of EGL-1 to promote apoptosis is impaired by the replacement of wild-type CED-9 with CED-9G169E, and this effect is correlated with the inability of EGL-1 to induce the displacement of CED-4 from the CED-9.CED-4 complex. These studies suggest that the release of CED-4 from the CED-9.CED-4 complex is a necessary step for induction of programmed cell death in *C. elegans*.

L3 ANSWER 2 OF 12 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 2
AN 2001038980 MEDLINE
DN 20504438 PubMed ID: 11027303
TI Demonstration of the in vivo interaction of key cell death regulators by structure-based design of second-site suppressors.
AU Parrish J; Metters H; Chen L; Xue D
CS Department of Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309, USA.
SO PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, (2000 Oct 24) 97 (22) 11916-21.
Journal code: 7505876. ISSN: 0027-8424.

CY United States
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
LA English
FS Priority Journals
EM 200011
ED Entered STN: 20010322
Last Updated on STN: 20010322
Entered Medline: 20001128

AB Demonstrating in vivo interaction of two important biomolecules and the relevance of the interaction to a biological process have been difficult issues in biomedical research. Here, we report the use of a homology modeling approach to establish the significance of protein interactions in governing the activation of programmed cell death in *Caenorhabditis elegans*. A protein interaction cascade has been postulated to mediate activation of cell death in nematodes, in which the BH3-domain-containing (Bcl-2 homology region 3) protein EGL-1 binds the cell-death inhibitor CED-9 and induces release of the death-activating protein CED-4 from inhibitory CED-4/CED-9 complexes. We show here that an unusual gain-of-function **mutation** in *ced-9* (substitution of glycine 169 to glutamate) that results in potent inhibition of most nematode cell deaths impairs the binding of EGL-1 to CED-9 and EGL-1-induced release of CED-4 from CED-4/CED-9 complexes. Based on a modeled EGL-1/CED-9 complex structure, we generated second-site compensatory mutations in EGL-1 that partially restore the binding of EGL-1 to CED-9(G169E) and EGL-1-induced release of CED-4 from CED-4/CED-9(G169E) complexes. Importantly, these **mutations** also significantly suppress the death-protective activity of CED-9(G169E) in vivo. These results establish that direct physical interaction between EGL-1 and CED-9 is essential for the release of CED-4 and the activation of cell death. The structure-based design of second-site suppressors via homology modeling should be widely applicable for probing important molecular interactions that are implicated in fundamental biological processes.

L3 ANSWER 3 OF 12 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 3
AN 2000156769 MEDLINE
DN 20156769 PubMed ID: 10688797
TI Translocation of *C. elegans* CED-4 to nuclear membranes during programmed cell death.
AU Chen F; Herish B M; Conradt B; Zhou Z; Riemer D; Gruenbaum Y; Horvitz H R
CS Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Department of Biology, 68-425, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA 02139, USA.
SO SCIENCE, (2000 Feb 25) 287 (5457) 1485-9.
Journal code: 0404511. ISSN: 0036-8075.

CY United States
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
LA English
FS Priority Journals
EM 200003
ED Entered STN: 20000327
Last Updated on STN: 20000327
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AB The *Caenorhabditis elegans* Bcl-2-like protein CED-9 prevents programmed cell death by antagonizing the Apaf-1-like cell-death activator CED-4. Endogenous CED-9 and CED-4 proteins localized to mitochondria in wild-type embryos, in which most cells survive. By contrast, in embryos in which cells had been induced to die, CED-4 assumed a perinuclear localization. CED-4 translocation induced by the cell-death activator EGL-1 was blocked by a gain-of-function **mutation** in *ced-9* but was not dependent on *ced-3* function, suggesting that CED-4 translocation precedes caspase activation and the execution phase of programmed cell death. Thus, a change in the subcellular localization of CED-4 may drive programmed cell death.

L3 ANSWER 4 OF 12 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS
 AN 1999:811447 CAPLUS
 DN 132:32920
 TI Detection of apoptotic cells in living nematodes by staining with vital dyes
 IN Hengartner, Michael O.; Gartner, Anton; Milstein, Stuart
 PA Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, USA
 SO PCT Int. Appl., 50 pp.
 CODEN: PIXXD2
 DT Patent
 LA English
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	JP 2002518674	T2	20020625	JP 2000-555091	19990618
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	WO 1999-US13650	W	19990618		

AB The present invention relates to methods and kits for detecting apoptotic cells in a live nematode by exposing the live nematode to a vital dye that stains apoptotic cells, and detecting the apoptotic cells. Applications of this assay include methods of identifying agents, conditions or genes that modulate apoptosis. The present invention also includes methods of screening for mutated nematodes that exhibit altered apoptotic cell death. *Caenorhabditis elegans* were stained with Acridine Orange. Mutant nematodes were made and studied.

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L3 ANSWER 5 OF 12 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 4
 AN 1998387925 MEDLINE
 DN 98387925 PubMed ID: 9721101
 TI Essential role of CED-4 oligomerization in CED-3 activation and apoptosis.
 CM Comment in: Science. 1998 Aug 28;281(5381):1298-9
 AU Yang X; Chang H Y; Baltimore D
 CS Department of Biology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA 02139, USA.
 NC CA51462 (NCI)
 SO SCIENCE, (1998 Aug 28) 281 (5381) 1355-7.
 Journal code: 0404511. ISSN: 0036-8075.
 CY United States
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
 LA English
 FS Priority Journals
 EM 199809
 ED Entered STN: 19980917
 Last Updated on STN: 20000303
 Entered Medline: 19980909
 AB Control of the activation of apoptosis is important both in development

and in protection against cancer. In the classic genetic model *Caenorhabditis elegans*, the pro-apoptotic protein CED-4 activates the CED-3 caspase and is inhibited by the Bcl-2-like protein CED-9. Both processes are mediated by protein-protein interaction. Facilitating the proximity of CED-3 zymogen molecules was found to induce caspase activation and cell death. CED-4 protein oligomerized in cells and in vitro. This oligomerization induced CED-3 proximity and competed with CED-4:CED-9 interaction. **Mutations** that abolished CED-4 oligomerization inactivated its ability to activate CED-3. Thus, the mechanism of control is that CED-3 in CED-3:CED-4 complexes is activated by CED-4 oligomerization, which is inhibited by binding of CED-9 to CED-4.

L3 ANSWER 6 OF 12 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS
 AN 1998:324569 CAPLUS
 DN 129:91808
 TI Mutational analysis of *Caenorhabditis elegans* CED-4
 AU Seshagiri, Somasekar; Chang, Wen-teh; Miller, Lois K.
 CS Department of Entomology, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA, 30602, USA
 SO FEBS Letters (1998), 428(1,2), 71-74
 CODEN: FEBLAL; ISSN: 0014-5793
 PB Elsevier Science B.V.
 DT Journal
 LA English
 AB Much of our knowledge concerning the genetics that regulate cell death has come from the studies of cell death during the development of the nematode *Caenorhabditis elegans*. Of the 14 genes identified as components of nematode cell death pathways, two genes, ced-3 and ced-4, are required to promote cell death and a third, ced-9, blocks cell death. Recent studies show CED-4 to be an activator of CED-3 and CED-9 to be an inhibitor of CED-4. Two published sequence alignments suggest that CED-4 contains a death effector domain (DED), a protein sequence motif present in other death signaling proteins like Fadd and Flice; one study suggests a DED sequence similarity near the N-terminus while the other found sequence similarity near the C-terminus of CED-4. Using mutational anal. we have tested the functional significance of the conserved residues found within the putative DEDs of CED-4. Mutations in two conserved residues within the putative N-terminal DED of CED-4 affected its function, while mutations in the conserved residues within the putative C-terminal DED had no effect on CED-4 function. Our results do not support the presence of a DED in the C-terminus of CED-4 and suggest a potential role for the N-terminus in CED-4 function, possibly as a DED or as a CARD (caspase recruitment domain). We also found that CED-9 assocd. with all the CED-4 mutants and inhibited the activity of all the active-CED-4 mutants.
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L3 ANSWER 7 OF 12 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 5
 AN 97177114 MEDLINE
 DN 97177114 PubMed ID: 9024666
 TI Interaction between the *C. elegans* cell-death regulators CED-9 and CED-4.
 AU Spector M S; Desnoyers S; Hoepfner D J; Hengartner M O
 CS Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, New York 11724, USA.
 SO NATURE, (1997 Feb 13) 385 (6617) 653-6.
 Journal code: 0410462. ISSN: 0028-0836.
 CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
 LA English
 FS Priority Journals
 EM 199703
 ED Entered STN: 19970313
 Last Updated on STN: 19970313
 Entered Medline: 19970303

AB Programmed cell death (apoptosis) is an evolutionarily conserved process used by multicellular organisms to eliminate cells that are not needed or are potentially detrimental to the organism. Members of the Bcl-2 family of mammalian proteins are intimately involved in the regulation of apoptosis, but, their precise mechanism of action remains unresolved. In *Caenorhabditis elegans*, the Bcl-2 homologue CED-9 prevents cell death by antagonizing the death-promoting activities of CED-3, a member of the Caspase family of death proteases, and of CED-4, a protein with no known mammalian homologue. Here we show that CED-9 interacts physically with CED-4. Mutations that reduce or eliminate CED-9 activity also disrupt its ability to bind CED-4, suggesting that this interaction is important for CED-9 function. Thus, CED-9 might control *C. elegans* cell death by binding to and regulating CED-4 activity. We propose that mammalian Bcl-2 family members might control apoptosis in a similar way through interaction and regulation of CED-4 homologues or analogues.

L3 ANSWER 8 OF 12 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS

AN 1997:804305 CAPLUS

DN 128:125084

TI Mutational analysis of the interacting cell death regulators CED-9 and CED-4

AU Ottilie, Sabine; Wang, Yan; Banks, Sean; Chang, Julia; Vigna, Nicole J.; Weeks, Suzanne; Armstrong, Robert C.; Fritz, Lawrence C.; Oltersdorf, Tilman

CS IDUN Pharmaceuticals, Inc., La Jolla, CA, 92037, USA

SO Cell Death and Differentiation (1997), 4(7), 526-533

CODEN: CDDIEK; ISSN: 1350-9047

PB Stockton Press

DT Journal

LA English

AB The genes *ced-3*, *ced-4* and *ced-9* are central components in the cell death pathway of the nematode *C. elegans*. *Ced-9*, which functions to inhibit cell death, is homologous to the Bcl-2 family of mammalian anti-apoptotic genes. The *ced-3* gene encodes a protein homologous to the caspases, a family of cysteine proteases involved in the execution of programmed cell death. It has recently been demonstrated that CED-4, an inducer of apoptosis for which no mammalian equiv. has been reported, can interact with CED-9 and Bcl-xL. Here we confirm that CED-9 and CED-4 interact and using a series of deletion mutants, demonstrate that only short N-terminal deletions are tolerated in each mol. without loss-of-interaction. Two loss-of-function point mutations in different regions of CED-4 also lead to a significant loss of interaction suggesting further that the relevant interaction domains are not short linear sequences, but rather, are formed by more complex structural determinants in each mol. Furthermore, we demonstrate that CED-4 not only interacts with Bcl-xL but also with its homolog, Bcl-2, and that the unstructured loop region present in Bcl-xL and Bcl-2 can regulate the CED-4 interaction. Lastly, we show that a BH3 peptide that can inhibit Bcl-2 family interactions also inhibits the interaction between Bcl-xL and CED-4.

L3 ANSWER 9 OF 12 MEDLINE

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AN 94244600 MEDLINE

DN 94244600 PubMed ID: 8187756

TI Baculovirus p35 prevents developmentally programmed cell death and rescues a *ced-9* mutant in the nematode *Caenorhabditis elegans*.

AU Sugimoto A; Friesen P D; Rothman J H

CS Department of Biochemistry, University of Wisconsin-Madison 53706.

NC 1R01-GM48137 (NIGMS)

SO EMBO JOURNAL, (1994 May 1) 13 (9) 2023-8.

Journal code: 8208664. ISSN: 0261-4189.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals
 EM 199406
 ED Entered STN: 19940629
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 Entered Medline: 19940617
 AB Programmed cell death, or apoptosis, occurs throughout the course of normal development in most animals and can also be elicited by a number of stimuli such as growth factor deprivation and viral infection. Certain morphological and biochemical characteristics of programmed cell death are similar among different tissues and species. During development of the nematode *Caenorhabditis elegans*, a single genetic pathway promotes the death of selected cells in a lineally fixed pattern. This pathway appears to be conserved among animal species. The baculovirus p35-encoding gene (p35) is an inhibitor of virus-induced apoptosis in insect cells. Here we demonstrate that expression of p35 in *C. elegans* prevents death of cells normally programmed to die. This suppression of developmentally programmed cell death results in appearance of extra surviving cells. Expression of p35 can rescue the embryonic lethality of a **mutation** in *ced-9*, an endogenous gene homologous to the mammalian apoptotic suppressor *bcl-2*, whose absence leads to ectopic cell deaths. These results support the hypothesis that viral infection can activate the same cell death pathway as is used during normal development and suggest that baculovirus p35 may act downstream or independently of *ced-9* in this pathway.

L3 ANSWER 10 OF 12 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 7
 AN 94239527 MEDLINE
 DN 94239527 PubMed ID: 7910376
 TI Activation of *C. elegans* cell death protein CED-9 by an amino-acid substitution in a domain conserved in Bcl-2.
 CM Comment in: Nature. 1994 May 26;369(6478):272-3
 AU Hengartner M O; Horvitz H R
 CS Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Department of Biology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge 02139.
 SO NATURE, (1994 May 26) 369 (6478) 318-20.
 Journal code: 0410462. ISSN: 0028-0836.
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 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
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 FS Priority Journals
 EM 199406
 ED Entered STN: 19940621
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 Entered Medline: 19940615
 AB The *Caenorhabditis elegans* gene *ced-9* and the human proto-oncogene *bcl-2*, both of which protect cells from programmed cell death, are members of the same gene family. *ced-9* and *bcl-2* were discovered because of the effects of dominant gain-of-function mutations. Such *bcl-2* mutations, which are commonly found in follicular lymphoma, are translocations that result in over-expression of a normal Bcl-2 protein in B cells. Here we report that, by contrast, the *ced-9*(n1950) gain-of-function **mutation** affects the open reading frame of *ced-9* and results in a glycine-to-glutamate substitution in a region highly conserved among all *ced-9/bcl-2* family members. We conclude that this glycine has an important function in *ced-9* regulation, and we suggest that alteration of this glycine in other members of the *ced-9/bcl-2* family might lead to oncogenic activation. We also present genetic evidence suggesting that the CED-9 protein might exist in two distinct forms that have opposite effects on cell death.

L3 ANSWER 11 OF 12 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS
 AN 1994:237601 CAPLUS
 DN 120:237601
 TI A gene which prevents programmed cell death

IN Horvitz, H. Robert; Hengartner, Michael
PA Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA
SO PCT Int. Appl., 111 pp.
CODEN: PIXXD2

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AB Gene ced-9, a cell death-protective gene from the nematode *Caenorhabditis elegans*, has been identified, sequenced, and characterized. Ced-9 is essential for *C. elegans* development and apparently functions by protecting cells which normally live during development from programmed cell death. Mutations which constitutively activate and inactivate the ced-9 gene are also described. Ced-9 was shown to function by antagonizing the activities of the cell death genes, ced-3 and ced-4. The protein product of the human oncogene bcl-2 was found to have a similar sequence to the ced-9 protein. Methods and agents for both increasing and decreasing the occurrence of cell death are described that are potentially useful for diagnosis, prevention and therapy of diseases and conditions involving cell death; for the treatment of viral, parasitic, and other types of infection; and for killing organisms that are detrimental or potentially detrimental to the environment or to humans, pets, livestock, or agriculture.

L3 ANSWER 12 OF 12 MEDLINE

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AN 92220162 MEDLINE

DN 92220162 PubMed ID: 1560823

TI *Caenorhabditis elegans* gene ced-9 protects cells from programmed cell death.

AU Hengartner M O; Ellis R E; Horvitz H R

CS Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Department of Biology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge 02139.

SO NATURE, (1992 Apr 9) 356 (6369) 494-9.

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AB The gene ced-9 of the nematode *Caenorhabditis elegans* acts to protect cells from programmed cell death. A **mutation** that abnormally activates **ced-9** prevents the cell deaths that occur during normal *C. elegans* development. Conversely, **mutations** that inactivate **ced-9** cause cells that normally live to undergo programmed cell death; these mutations result in embryonic lethality, indicating that ced-9 function is essential for development. The ced-9 gene functions by negatively regulating the activities of other genes that are required for the process of programmed cell death.